

Definitions:

Preauthorization

Preauthorization is prospective review and approval of health care based solely on medical necessity and reasonableness. A provider obtains pre-authorization *before* the health care is provided.

Prospective Review

Prospective reviews are those conducted prior to the delivery of the services requested. Prospective reviews may be for inpatient or outpatient procedures or services.

Concurrent Review

A Concurrent review is performed while the injured worker is still an inpatient and services are being rendered. The review can occur if there is a need to extend a current hospitalization, during an emergency admission, or when a provider/facility notifies the Division of an admission for a non-emergent procedure and a preauthorization was not performed.

Division

Division means the Wyoming Workers' Safety and Compensation Division.

Health Care Provider

Health Care Provider means doctor of medicine, chiropractic or osteopathy, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, psychologist or advanced practitioner of nursing, acting within the scope of his license, licensed to practice in this state or in good standing in his home state.

Medically Necessary Treatment

Medically necessary treatment means those health services for a compensable injury that is reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and cure or significant relief of a condition consistent with any applicable treatment parameter.

Medical Service

Medical service means any medical, surgical, diagnostic, chiropractic, hospital, nursing care, ambulances, drugs, medicine, durable medical equipment, prosthetic appliances, and physical restorative services.

Emergency Health Care Services

Emergency health care services means health care services for a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to place the injured worker's health in serious jeopardy.

Expert Reviewer

Expert reviewer means a physician competent to evaluate the specific clinical issues involved in the medical treatment services and where these services are within the scope of the physician's practice.

Elective Surgery

Elective surgery is surgery, which may be required in the process of recovery from an injury or illness but need not be done as an emergency to preserve life, function or health.

Request for preauthorization

Request for preauthorization means a written confirmation of a request for a specific course of proposed medical or surgical treatment. An oral request for pre-authorization must be followed by a written confirmation of the request by the Health Care Provider.